

OFFICE OF PROTECTION AND SAFETY

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To: Service Area Administrators
Protection and Safety Administrators
Resource Development Administrators
Protection and Safety Supervisors
Protection and Safety Workers

From: Todd Reckling, Administrator, Office of Protection and Safety

Signed by: _____, Administrator
Office of Protection & Safety

Re: Independent Living Services Guidebook

Effective Date: Upon Receipt

Duration: Until Revised

Policy Citation: 390 NAC 6-006. Independent Living

Contact: If you have questions about this Administrative Memo, please contact Mark Mitchell at 402-471-9211

Attached is a revised Independent Living Services Guidebook. The Guidebook more accurately reflects the current status of the program and its components. Since the last revision in July 1995, Independent Living Services have been modified to reflect best practices in the field and to offer a broader array of services being made available to Nebraska's foster youth.

Staff are reminded that a plan for independent living must be included in the case plan for a youth age 16 and older who is a ward. This requirement is outlined in state law (NRS 45-285) and in policy (390 NAC 5-004.02A). Not all youth age 16 years and older who currently are wards have an independent living plan documented on N-FOCUS. Planning for the transition to independence and the provision of and referral to independent living services dramatically improves the chance for a youth to achieve successful independence.

Please replace the old guidebook material with the revised Independent Living Services Guidebook attached.